

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Friday, March 30, 2001

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 665. A bill *to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Leahy

Pages S 3215-7

"...Even under current law, there is no doubt that the actions of the international oil cartel would be in gross violation of antitrust law if engaged in by private companies. If OPEC were a group of international private companies rather than foreign governments, their actions would be nothing more than an illegal price fixing scheme. But OPEC members have used the shield of "sovereign immunity" to escape accountability for their price-fixing. The Federal Sovereign Immunities Act, though, already recognizes that the "commercial" activity of nations is not protected by sovereign immunity. And it is hard to imagine an activity that is more obviously commercial than selling oil for profit, as the OPEC nations do. Our legislation will correct one erroneous twenty-year-old lower federal court decision and establish that sovereign immunity doctrine will not divest a U.S. court from jurisdiction to hear a lawsuit alleging that members of the oil cartel are violating antitrust law..."

Kohl

Pages S 3216-7

S. 668. A bill *to amend the Animal Welfare Act* to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Akaka

Page S 3215, S 3218

Campaign Finance Reform:

Senate completed consideration of S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3183-98, D 294

Adopted:

McConnell (for Hatch) Amendment No. 167, to provide for expedited review by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Pages S 3188-90, D 294

Bond Modified Amendment No. 166, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to increase the penalties imposed for making or accepting contributions in the name of another and to prohibit foreign nations from making any campaign-related disbursements.

Pages S3187-88, S 3191, D 294

By 57 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 63), **McCain Amendment No. 165**, relating to coordinated expenditure or other disbursement regulations.

Pages S 3184-87, S 3193-94, D 294

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 169, to limit the increase in contribution limits in response to expenditures from personal funds by taking into consideration a candidate's available funds.

Pages S 3192, S 3194-98, D 294

Campaign Finance Reform (Cont'd):

Rejected:

Harkin Amendment No. 168, to add a nonseverability provision with respect to the ban on soft money and the increase in hard money limits.

Pages S 3190-91, D 294

By 41 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 62), **Reed Modified Amendment No. 164**, to make amendments regarding the enforcement authority and procedures of the Federal Election Commission.

Pages S 3183-84, S 3192-93

Executive Communications:

EC-1282. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law , a report entitled "UNICOR: Of Service to Others" for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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Congressional Program Ahead, Week of April 2 through April 7, 2001:

Committee on Finance: 4/5/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of certain scams on taxpayers. SD-215.

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Committee on Governmental Affairs: 4/4/01 @ 2:00 p.m. To hold hearings on the state of the Presidential appointments process SD-342.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: 4/5/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To continue hearings on the state of the Presidential appointments process. SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/3/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine online entertainment and related copyright law, SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/3/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information, to hold hearings to examine the Hart-Rudman Report, with respect to homeland defense. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/4/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine competitive choices concerning cable and video. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/4/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to review certain issues with respect to immigration policy. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/5/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Larry D. Thompson, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General and Theodore B. Olson, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, both of the Department of Justice. SD-226.

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Executive Communication:

EC-1412. A letter from the Deputy Archivist, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule--NARA Freedom of Information Act Regulations (RIN: 3095-AA72) received March 26, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

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Congressional Program Ahead, Week of April 2 through April 7, 2001:

Committee on Energy and Commerce: 4/3/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on An Examination of Existing Federal Statutes Addressing Information Privacy, 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: 4/4/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Patients First: A 21st Century Promise to Ensure Quality and Affordable Health Coverage, 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: 4/4/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Internet, hearing on E-Rate and Filtering: A Review of the Children's Internet Protection Act. 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: 4/5/01 @ 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Protecting America's Critical Infrastructures: How Secure are Government Computer Systems?" 2322 Rayburn.

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Committee on the Judiciary: 4/4/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To mark up the following measures: **H.J. Res. 41**, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations; and **H.R. 1209**, Child Status Protection Act of 2001. 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary: 4/4/01 @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "Business Method Patents,". 2141 Rayburn.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Monday, 5:00 p.m., April 2, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., April 3, 2001.

OLA: S. Smith, J. Homanich